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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR INTERSTATE 5 IMPROVEMENTS

Norwalk -- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are proposing improvements on Interstate 5 between State Route 91 and Interstate 605 in the cities of Downey, Norwalk, La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, Buena Park and Cerritos.

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex located at 13000 Clarkdale Avenue, in the city of Norwalk, to provide information and receive public feedback.

I-5 improvements are intended to improve mobility in the corridor by substantially increasing capacity and improving safety. Benefits also include: elimination of a northbound bottleneck as a result of the lane reduction between the Orange County and Los Angeles County line; improve major intersections and interchanges in the corridor; relieve congestion; reduce travel time delays and congestion-related accidents.

Caltrans has studied the potential effects this project may have on the environment. The study that explains these findings is called an Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/EIS) which has recently been approved for public circulation. Copies of the EIR/EIS are available for review at the Caltrans District 7 District Office Building at 100 South Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, and the city halls and main public libraries of Downey, Norwalk, La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, Buena Park and Cerritos. The EIR/EIS and other project information can also be accessed through the Caltrans project website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/I-5.

Written comments regarding the EIR/EIS can be submitted until January 5, 2007 to: Mr. Ronald Kosinski, Deputy District Director, Division of Environmental Planning, Caltrans District 7, 100 South Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. For additional questions, please call (213) 897-9016 or visit the project website above.



